GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSAL FOR RAISING INDIA`S FOREST COVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed Public Private Partnership (PPP) for raising India's forest cover area from 21% to 33%;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms and conditions set up in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said programme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY)

(a), (b), and (c) A framework for Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) for forestation of degraded lands has been mooted by Ministry of Environment and Forests as one of the interventions to increase forest and tree cover. The proposed framework envisages a tripartite arrangement between the land owning agency, the local village community and the sponsor who may be a company, firm, user group, trust, society or organization in public or private sector.